

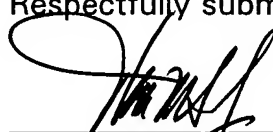
REMARKS

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, applicant has elected to prosecute the Invention I drawn to claims 1-19 and has also elected Species I, Figures 3-6, on which Claims 1 to 16 and 21 are readable.

In addition to the foregoing, the claims have been amended to as to place them in a form comparable to that of the parent application. In addition, the claims have been further amended in light of the personal interview with Examiner Green on October 2, 2003; specifically the claims have been amended as suggested by Examiner Green so as to further distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art. As now amended, it is believed that the claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, and, in particular, U.S. Patent No.: 5,040,318 to Ryan, either applied alone or in combination with the other cited references.

In view of the foregoing, a favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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